

NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION

Americans Are Getting Away From Havana Every Day to Places of Safety as Rapidly as Possible.

Representatives of Six Great Powers Wait on President McKinley in the Interest of Peace--Reply of the President Firm and Decisive--No Resumption of Negotiations With Spain.

Washington April 7.--This afternoon a cablegram was received from Minister Woodford concerning yesterday's cabinet meeting at Madrid. It is said not to be of much significance.

An Ultimatum.

A rumor is current that the United States has presented an ultimatum to Spain, demanding that the latter within six hours must modify the note presented as a result of the last conference.

Washington, April 7.--Up to noon nothing had been received which could have any bearing upon the president's message as already prepared, nor will it be changed in any important particular save in the unlooked for event of a submission on the part of Spain to the demands of this country. This statement was made at noon by a high official, who has full knowledge of the real situation. The intimation given out at Madrid yesterday to the effect that the queen regent was about to proclaim an armistice in Cuba and that the indications were that the Spanish government would make important concessions looking to the establishment of peace on a basis of practical Cuban independence, is regarded in official circles here as a diplomatic ruse to gain time.

Seeking a Peaceful Settlement.

Washington, April 7.--The representatives of the six powers of Europe who are seeking to avert war, called on the president at noon. Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Russia and Italy were represented. The ambassadors were ushered into the blue room, and President McKinley immediately left his office and went down to meet them. The call was quite brief. They then went into the state department and made an official visit. The call was evidently by appointment, for they were at once shown into the diplomatic room, where they were joined by Secretary Sherman and Assistant Secretary Day, with whom they were retained behind closed doors.

Assistant Secretary Day this morning said that he expected General Lee would leave Havana by Saturday. The Americans on the island are being gotten off rapidly.

At London it is reported that the queen regent of Spain has again appealed to Queen Victoria direct, asking the latter to exert her influence to avert war.

The President's Reply.

Sir Julian Pauncefote of Great Britain, on behalf of the powers, presented a joint note pressing an appeal to feelings of humanity, moderation of the president and American people in the existing differences with Spain and hopeful that negotiations will lead to an agreement, which, while securing the maintenance of peace, will afford all necessary guarantees for the re-establishment of order in Cuba. The president replied, recognizing the friendly spirit which actuated the powers, and joining in the hope that the outcome will be the maintenance of peace with Spain and a termination of the chronic condition of disturbance in Cuba, which so deeply injures the interests and menaces the tranquility of the American nation, by the character and consequence of the struggle thus kept up at our shores. Besides the sentiment of humanity the government of the United States appreciates the humanitarian and disinterested character now made on behalf of the powers, and for its part is confident of an equal appreciation to be shown for its own earnest and unselfish endeavors to fulfill a duty to humanity by ending the situation, the indefinite prolongation of which has become insufferable.

No Change of Position.

So far as this government is concerned, he said, diplomacy had run its course. No negotiations of any character are now planning, nor will be resumed except at the solicitation of Spain, and for a stated purpose, carrying into effect the demands of this government already cabled to Madrid. The president remains firm in the determination of forcible intervention in Cuba, if necessary, to put an end to hostilities and secure tranquility and better established government on the island.

Havana News from Spanish Source.

Washington, April 7.--The Spanish minister received a cable from the governor-general of Cuba stating that all rumors of impending trouble at Havana are unfounded.

Stirring "News" for the Spaniards.

Madrid, April 7.--The Pals, which announced the alleged gift of Baron Rothschild, has also furnished its readers with the further startling information to the effect that a mob had broken loose in Washington; that the Spanish legation had been attacked; that the Spanish minister had escaped by jumping through a window, and that the arms of Spain had been torn down.

All Ready for Any Emergency.

Port Monroe, Va., April 7.--The battleship Texas arrived at Hampton Roads this morning and joined the flying squadron. The Massachusetts will be down from Newport News tonight or tomorrow. The squadron will then be ready for any emergency.

No Removal of Negotiations.

Washington, April 7.--Prominent Republican members of the house said at



GEN. FITZHUGH LEE,
Our Consul General at Havana.

noon that there had been no renewal of negotiations with Spain.

Gen. Lee Sends a Cablegram.

Washington, April 7.--A cable from General Lee this morning announced that 20 Americans had left the island and that all is quiet in Havana.

After a conference with the president Representative Grosvenor stated today that there will be no change of any importance in the message intended for transmission yesterday, unless there would be a change of facts, which is not likely.

A Quiet Day at Havana.

Havana, April 7.--There is no excitement and no signs of trouble. It is Holy Thursday.

The day is being quietly observed. Several vessels are ready to take passengers to the United States. It is not decided when they will send the Americans away.

The Senate and House.

Washington, April 7.--In the senate on motion of Senator Allison it was decided that when the senate adjourned it would adjourn until Monday. The consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill was resumed.

In the house the consideration of the army reorganization bill was resumed. Representative Hull of the military affairs committee stated that the section providing for the expansion of the regular army in time of war to 104,000 would be stricken out.

The house committee on foreign affairs had Senor Quesada of the Cuban Junta before them today. The committee was enjoined to secrecy as to the proceedings.

Senor Quesada was asked as to the Cuban republic which the United States was asked to recognize and members say he gave a satisfactory statement. He said the republic controlled Puerto Principe and Santiago provinces. In the former a quarter of a million people acknowledged allegiance to it. Four hundred thousand dollars taxes had been collected. The capital had been twice destroyed but is in working order. If the United States should intervene without recognizing independence he said it would be a virtual declaration of war against the insurgents, as well as against Spain.

General Flager of the bureau of ordnance was called and stated that while the condition of the fortifications are not what they should be, matters would improve every day. They are being strengthened as rapidly as possible.

War Outbreak in Porto Rico.

New York, April 7.--A New York steamer from St. Thomas brings news that an uprising has taken place in Porto Rico. There was an engagement between the insurgents and the Spanish troops. A score were killed.

Spanish Troops Defeated.

Vancouver, April 7.--The war raging in the island of Luzon is rapidly assuming serious proportions. Attacks have been made upon Spanish quarters, the rebels capturing a large quantity of ammunition. All northern provinces are affected.

Minister Woodford to the Spanish Cabinet.

Madrid, April 7.--It is learned that at the cabinet council commencing yesterday, at which it was expected that the proposed armistice would be presented to Minister of Foreign Affairs Culum received the following note from Minister Woodford: "Having fruitlessly awaited since noon yesterday for a decision of the Spanish government, it is my duty to announce to you that I will still wait until midnight. I beg you to kindly communicate this decision before midnight, and that the decision may be couched in terms which may prevent sad consequences that I should greatly regret, but which I believe will be inevitable if things continue in the present state."

England Evidently With America.

New Orleans, La., April 7.--A local representative of London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance company has received a telegram from the home office in England, instructing him to permit any employee who so desires to join the United States troops in the event of war and assure them their salaries will be continued by the company during their term of service.

SPAIN WANTS WAR.

Exciting Day at the Capital of the Plotting Dons.

STARTLING FAKE NEWS FROM AMERICA

All Night Meeting of the Spanish Cabinet--They Vote to Stand Ready for a Fight to the Bitter End--Decision Sent to Rome for the Pope to Consider.

Spain Wants to Go to War.

Madrid, April 7.--A hitch has occurred in the peace negotiations. The Cuban armistice proclamation will not be issued today, as was expected. Great disappointment is expressed at the United States legation at the hitch which is pronounced serious.

After the regular cabinet adjourned, the Papal nuncio, in company with the minister of foreign affairs went to Premier Sagasta's house with a communication from Rome. It was considered of such importance that the other ministers were summoned and remained in consultation until 1:30 a. m. It is said the result of their deliberations was telegraphed to Rome, from where it will be cabled to the United States.

It is explained that the decisions to which the government adheres refer to those outlined at the last conference with Minister Woodford. It is asserted that the communication from Rome which occasioned the special cabinet meeting, asked what concession Spain would make. The cabinet replied to the effect that Spain "simply reaffirmed former decisions, already known to President McKinley."

What the Cabinet Did.

A semi-official note issued after the adjournment says: "The cabinet considered every aspect of the situation on the information of foreign and colonial ministers, especially in the light of the reports of the ministers of war and marine. The outcome of the deliberations was the adhesion of the government to all previous decisions without modification, and a resolution to that effect was adopted. During the sitting the foreign minister made several visits to the palace."

Great Excitement.

The issuance of this note caused much excitement and bellicose talk in the city. The cafes are crowded with people, all eagerly discussing the situation and generally approving the attitude of the cabinet.

WAR TALK AT HAVANA.

Spaniards Think They Can Out Fight the Americans.

Havana, April 7.--Spanish officials in the palace are now convinced that war is inevitable, hostilities being postponed simply for the convenience of both governments. One whose intelligence and understanding are of a high grade talked for a full hour on the situation.

"War," he said, "is unavoidable. It is a shame that it is so, for the Americans and the Spanish people have no reason for being enemies. Our interests do not conflict. We have always admired you, and certainly Americans have something for which they should thank Spain. Well, it is now too late to discuss the right and wrong of the matter. War is at hand. By it right is to be determined. I recognize that this Cuban affair has been exasperating to America, but I do not believe it should have brought about a war. You are a brave people. Some Spaniards think otherwise, but I know it is so. You overestimate your strength because you do not recognize your lack of military organization.

"Spaniards are brave. Opposite impressions prevail in America because of our lack of success in Cuba. It is with a keen sense of shame that I say our defeat is due to the corruptness of our officers. Our soldiers are brave, but have had no chance to fight. The guerrilla mode of warfare that has been followed by the insurgents has been effective against us, but give our men fair enemies, such as will be found in the Americans, and they will be found not falling.

"I do not hope for bloodshed, but it would please me if we could fire up an army of 60,000 Spanish troops against an equal number of Americans. The battle would surely be ours. Our officers would drop greed for patriotism, and the soldiers would fight as they will know how to do. They are well disciplined, the American press to the contrary notwithstanding. They know what the sound of bullets means, and more than that, our men are equipped with repeating

ILLINOIS SOLDIERS' HOME.

Figures Given Out at the Quarterly Meeting of Trustees.

Quincy, Ill., April 7.--Col. James A. Sexton, Capt. J. W. Niles and W. O. Wright, trustees of the State Soldiers' Home, held their regular quarterly session here yesterday. There was but little out of the ordinary routine business that came up for consideration. Eust. Somerville, in his quarterly report, calls attention to the reduction of the expense per capita during the last quarter, claiming

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THE ELKS' SOCIAL

Was Largely Attended and Was a Great Success in Every Respect.

The social given last evening by the members of the Elks in their new room in the opera house block, was a most enjoyable affair. There were over 200 gentlemen present who enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The members of the organization had made the arrangements carefully and nothing was spared which would add to the enjoyment of the guests. The program as published in yesterday's paper was carried out and at the close the guests were entertained by the Freeman brothers, the mandolin club and H. E. Hoffman, a member of the theatrical profession. Among the other guests from out of the city were Hon. Joe Miller of Blue Mound, A. L. Trotter of Champaign, D. E. Whipple of Champaign and Warren M. Wood of Milwaukee. Throughout the evening a supper was served.

PHOTOGRAPH SOCIAL

Given at the Home of Miss Imboden Last Night.

The Senior Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church gave a "photograph" social at the home of Miss Sarah Imboden of West North street last evening. The program was arranged by the members of the social committee of the society of which Miss Eva Bixby is chairman and was a delightful and successful one. About 70 of the members of the society were present. Photographs of prominent men and women were arranged about the wall in one room and in another the baby pictures of the members of the society were displayed. Prizes were offered for the one guessing the largest number of the names of the persons whose pictures were displayed and in the contest the prize was won by Miss Mark and by Miss Maude Martin in the baby picture contest. In each case the prize was a beautiful bunch of American beauty roses. Punch and wafers were served in the diningroom throughout the evening, the young ladies of the society taking turns in presiding at the tables.

FOOD STUDY.

Important Investigations at the University of Illinois.

During the past year, the department of chemistry has been making some very interesting experiments in the line of food investigation. A dietary study of a small family has been completed and the results which will soon be published, are of sufficient interest and value to give to the public. At present the dietary of a large club of about 15 working men is under way. The object of these studies is to obtain as to the kind, amounts, and composition of food materials as used by the people of this state. However, it is also the further aim of the work to obtain some light upon the hygiene and pecuniary economy of the diet, its defects and the methods by which it may be improved. As a result of the value of the work already done here, the United States department of agriculture has made an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to the department, to be used during the next three months, for the purpose of conducting further investigations upon the food of the state.

Professor W. O. Atwater of Wesleyan University of Connecticut, will visit the university about April 8. Professor Atwater is special agent of the United States department of agriculture, in charge of nutrition investigations, and while here will inspect the work that the chemical department is doing in the line of food investigation.

Enterprising Druggists.

There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than J. E. King and C. P. Shilling, who spare no pains to secure the best of everything in their line for their many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug stores and get a trial bottle for 10c, or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

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VEGETABLES

Discussed by Class in Household Economics.

Household Economics will meet at the parlors of the First church on Friday afternoon. The subject discussed will be "Vegetables." This meeting will be of great interest to the class as the subject offers a suggestion, study and discussion.

DISMISSED.

Would Not Prosecute Randall--Discharged.

Oliver Randall was before the grand jury this forenoon to answer a charge of kidnapping Eve Vincent from attorney A. H. Mills appearance. Mrs. Vincent, the girl, refused to prosecute the two men were dismissed.

INTO A TRAIN.

Had a Bad Accident--Buggy Broken.

Schools of the Wauash met at the North Jasper street in a buggy accident. At the Wauash school a buggy was run into a switch and a boy was badly injured. The buggy was badly broken and had a narrow escape.

ONE MEETING.

of the Birth of the Grand of the Republic.

The anniversary of the birth of the Army of the Republic will be celebrated at the Old Post to attend a meeting of the held at 7:30 o'clock this evening. A. R. Hall, Object of the officers and for of such other business as may be presented. C. M. Imboden, Sec.

LE GENEROUS.

Contributions for the Relief of the Town's Sufferers.

It is reported that there have been responses in cash among the citizens of the Shawneetown. Herman Martin, R. J. Leach have been around for cash and everybody gives. If you do not see the committee leave your door of the banks. Contributions of clothing will be received at the club.

WHEELMEN'S CLUB.

Had a Meeting Last Night and Discussed Important Matters.

A meeting last night at the Paeff building. It was held at the club did not want to meet in conjunction with a tournament next summer. The members wanted them to do all they could to help the wheelmen take the honor of races in connection with the tournament, but they do not care for financial responsibility. A. H. Latham, E. and Archie Wilson were present with the Freeman in case of wheelmen to take part. For this summer was discussed the committee composed of Claude Johnson and Henry up elected to arrange for a White, Gay Williams and were appointed to arrange

What Became of Mary Ellen.

... A STORY ...

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SYNOPSIS.

After Jim Evans, the proprietor of the Oakville "Chronicle," has left the office on his wedding day to get the marriage license Tom Wilson, his assistant, finds Mary Ellen in the cellar. Mary Ellen was the star attraction of Hindfoot's Great Show, but has escaped during its last visit. She is a huge anaconda. Hindfoot leaves a reward of five hundred dollars for the restoration of the snake in good condition. Tom remembers this and he secures the animal, torpid with the cold, in a box and carries it up into the office. Then he goes home to attend the wedding. Colonel Badham, a decayed politician, who frequents the "Chronicle" sanctum, comes in, lights the fire, and makes himself comfortable. The heat arouses the snake, which breaks out of the box and makes for the colonel. The latter, who is somewhat under the influence of drink, utters a shriek and jumps out of the window. The colonel's cry is heard by Evans, who is hurrying home with the wedding license, and he rushes into the office to see what is the matter. He misses the colonel, who picks himself up, unhurt, and rushes around town with the tale of his adventure. None believes him, thinking him drunk, and the frightened man finally remembers Evans. He goes to the bridegroom's house, only to be told of the wedding. The colonel had forgotten all about it.

PART IV.

It seems a simple thing to put on a wreath of orange-blossoms and a veil of tulle. That is what a man would suppose—a poor ignorant man! That is what Tom Wilson thought till he saw it done.

Tom had the freedom of the house by right of co-sponsorship and reporter for the "Chronicle," and he had come early that he might not miss anything. He watched the white cloud as it descended on Jennie's dimpled face and shoulders, and settled like a silver mist over her lissom form, and thought that was the end. It was hardly the beginning.

"A little more to the right, Hattie," said Mrs. Hamlin. "There—that's better."

"No, Aunt Hattie; it's too far," said the bride, twisting her head and gazing in a hand mirror. "Just see how that stiff bad sticks out; it makes me look like a scare-crow."

"How do you like it this way?" asked Aunt Hattie, moving the wreath again.

Mrs. Hamlin viewed Jennie doubtfully.

"I think it looked better at first."

Then the whole lot was repeated.

"By George, Jennie, you look as pretty as a picture, better than the good."

said Tom, with admiring eyes. "And what will Jim care? He thinks you are perfect anyway."

"That's what he ought to think, Mr. Thomas," said the bride, saucily.

At last the wreath and veil were adjusted to suit all, and Tom walked around his pretty cousin, who resembled a plump little fairy arrayed in moon-lit gossamer.

"You'll never be able to sit down in all that rigging, Jennie."

"I don't intend to; Jennie Hamlin will never occupy another chair. When next she takes a seat she'll be Mrs. James Monroe Evans."

At this remark Mrs. Hamlin began to weep, and Aunt Hattie catching the tearful contagion followed her example.

Tom looked from one to the other in astonishment.

"Aunt Sarah, aren't you willing Jennie should marry Jim?"

"Yes, Tom."

"Then why are you crying?"

"I can't explain it, Tom. If you were a mother, you would understand."

When his aunts had put by their handkerchiefs Tom took out his.

"Now what are you crying for, you young scapegrace?" laughed Aunt Hattie.

"I'm weeping for poor Jim. Nobody's shedding any tears for him."

So they laughed and wept around the bride, for at weddings it is ever a thin and wavering line that divides the smile from the tears, so attenuated, indeed, that the heart often mixes them and sends forth one to answer for the other. But there was no more sentimental badinage at Jennie's wedding. In the middle of Tom's gay mimicry a carriage drove rapidly to the gate, and hurried steps were heard in the hall below. A moment later Dick Hamlin appeared at the door with a strange look in his eyes and beckoned to his mother. A brief, whispered colloquy ensued, and Mrs. Hamlin returned to the room looking white and troubled.

"What is it, mother?" said Jennie. "Has Jim come?"

"No, my child; it was only Dick. He had forgotten something," replied Mrs. Hamlin, with apparent composure, but behind Jennie's back she gave Miss

Harriet Hamlin a telegraphic look which sent her from the room, and Tom, whose keen eyes intercepted the flash of alarm, followed her.

Mr. Saunders, the Presbyterian minister who was to officiate, and the last wedding guest, had arrived some moments before, and when the carriage dashed up and Dick Hamlin entered the house alone an expectant flutter was followed by a bewildered silence. There was something in the sound of the young man's feet that smote expectant gaiety as the chill wind of autumn smites and shatters the full blown rose.

So sudden and eerie was the change from gay to grave throughout the house, it seemed as if the mental affliction of fear like many ills of the body had also its germ, a germ of swift and subtle contagion, capable of penetrating in a moment even closed doors and solid walls.

"Oh, mother! what is the matter?" exclaimed the bride. "I'm frightened!"

Half-past eight found a conclave of Jennie's male kindred assembled in a little back room. Dick was telling of his search for the missing bridegroom.

"It was agreed that I should call for Evans at his room, and I went at the appointed hour. He was not there. My first thought was that, as he had not mentioned his change of quarters, he might have supposed I would go to his former room. I drove rapidly to the place. He was not there. It was then nearly eight o'clock, and though it was so late I went back over my course, looking into the hotel and barber shop on the way. Then I thought, of course, we had missed each other in some manner, and I came back home as fast as I could."

The young fellow spoke rapidly and was much excited.

"Did you go to the 'Chronicle' office?" asked old Jefferson Hamlin, Jennie's eldest uncle.

"No; for the place was dead as a doornail."

"Did you ask anyone if he had seen Evans?"

"It was an bitter cold I met no one. And if I had, Uncle Jeff," added the young man, breathing heavily, "I couldn't have acted the town crier for the man who had promised to marry my sister. If it turns out that Jim Evans has jilted Jennie, I'll shoot him on sight."

"And if you don't, I will," muttered old Jeff Hamlin.

"Who is this man Evans?" asked a newly arrived cousin from Georgia, breaking the ominous hush that followed.

"Does anyone know anything about the fellow or his family?"

"I know him—I know all about him, and if anybody says he has jilted Jennie the man lies!" exclaimed Tom Wilson, who had kept silence till now in the presence of his elders, springing forward indignantly.

"If Jim Evans doesn't come here to-night, it will be because—"

but the sentence was never finished, for the family council was abruptly dissolved by a violent slamming of the front door which reverberated through the house from cellar to garret, followed immediately by a hoarse voice calling excitedly:

"Jim Evans, Jim Evans! Where is Jim Evans?"

Before the Hamlin men could reach the front hall the house was in confusion. Upon the tense and bodiful calm, broken only by anxious whispers here and there like the ominous breezes which presage the tempest, burst a storm of excitement in which all etiquette, all social reserve, were swept away. Women screamed and men rushed forward eager to learn the cause of the uproar, and to offer assistance if it were needed, for all were convinced by the strange wedding prelude that something dreadful had occurred or was imminent. So hoarse and wild had been the voice, the ears of none had recognized the speaker, and so changed was his appearance the eyes of the startled wedding guests hardly assured them that it was Colonel Badham who stood before them.

Straightway the glances of all sought old Jeff Hamlin. He was the oldest man present; moreover, he and Jennie's father had been comrades of Colonel Badham in the Mexican War. It was natural that he should be spokesman.

"Mortimer Badham," said the old soldier solemnly. "Why have you come to Walter Hamlin's widow's house this night in such a plight—this night, of all nights?"

"I want Jim Evans," replied the Colonel, shading his blood-shot eyes with his trembling hand as if the light hurt them. "I don't see him; where is he?"

"What do you want of James Evans, Mort Badham?"

The Colonel hesitated. The night's experience of incoherence had made him wary. He was resolved that he would mention the snake to no one but Jim.

If he did, no one would believe him, and all would deem him crazy and treat him as he had been treated elsewhere.

"I want Jim Evans—I have something to tell him."

The two old men faced each other in the center of the crowded hall, and the silence was breathless. Tom Wilson stood at his uncle's elbow, and the bride crept half way down the stairs unnoted.

"Mort Badham, you are drunk," exclaimed Jeff Hamlin, catching a whiff of the Colonel's whiskey-laden breath.

"I am not drunk, Jeff Hamlin, and I am, why can't I see Jim Evans? He was married to-night, and there is his

bride. I want Jim Evans? What have you done with him? Where have you hidden him?"

As the colonel pointed to Jennie, she sank sobbing on the stair in her mother's arms, and a murmur of sympathy rose from the pitying throng.

Among the wedding guests stood Miss Nancy Mayberry. For several moments the old lady had stared through her spectacles with features twitching and quivering with excitement. At the Colonel's question she could contain herself no longer.

"He is murdered! Jim Evans is murdered! Mort Badham has murdered him as he did my brother forty years ago. Don't you see the blood on his hands? Take him before he escapes."

"Nancy Mayberry," said the old man tremulously; "I killed your brother."

"He is murdered! Jim Evans is murdered!"

but it was in self defense, as all the town knows."

Jefferson Hamlin laid his hand gently on the old woman's shoulder as if to soothe her.

"Mort Badham, James Evans is not in this house. He was to have married my niece to-night, but he has not come, and we don't know where he is."

Jim Evans not married and missing? The Colonel felt, in a blind kind of way, a greater need of gaining credence, though his faculties were too confused to thoroughly grasp the situation, and losing all caution and presence of mind he began to rave.

"The snake! The snake! At the 'Chronicle' office—help—help—"

At the word snake, old Jeff motioned to the men to take the Colonel away. All believed him crazy from drink—all but Tom Wilson, across whose mind flashed a sickening thought. In half a minute he had dashed it into words, and all the men present, with Tom at their head, were flying to the "Chronicle" office.

It was the wildest, maddest race that Oakville had ever seen. No one spoke, for no one could spare the breath. Down one street and across another, through the snow and darkness and cutting wind, bareheaded, pell-mell, they flew, with Tom, ever gaining, in front. If anything had happened to Jim through his agency, the boy felt that he could not bear to live. Dear old Jim! And as he ran, Tom wished, in his anguish, that he had never been born.

The next moment he was at the office, and with the throng at his heels, he burst in.

The room was empty.

With knives and pistols and canes and other chance weapons, a search was instituted. Tom showed the box with the broken slats in which he had caged the anaconda. But a thorough quest in the office and cellar failed to discover any trace of the anaconda or of Jim. The Colonel had been left behind in a state of exhaustion, so they were devoid of any information in regard to the broken window, and could only surmise if the old man, Jim, the reptile, or all three had made their escape through the opening. Inspection beneath found blood stains in the snow, which, with the broken glass and the recollection of the Colonel's appearance, sufficed to clear him of Miss Nancy Mayberry's accusation, if her words had aroused suspicion in the mind of anyone.

Nothing further being discovered in the rear of the house, a search was begun, to radiate from the "Chronicle" office and embrace the town, through which the discovery of the anaconda by Tom Wilson and the disappearance of Jim Evans had spread like wild fire.

Hardly a minute later a cry was raised that a bat had been discovered within fifty yards of the "Chronicle" door, and all rushed to the spot to ascertain if it were the hat of Colonel Badham or of the missing bridegroom. The hat was crushed in and had evidently suffered rough treatment, but Tom Wilson, with a fearful head, identified it as the property of Jim Evans.

But the uncertainty was nearly ended, for before he had gone another block Tom's young and anxious eyes spied something dark beneath a large water-oak, and the boy sprang forward with a cry and bent over Jim, lying on his face in the snow, unconscious. A large, half-decayed limb of the oak lying near solved the mystery; dislodged by the fierce wind, it had fallen upon his head.

The throng waited breathless while Doctor Seyton examined Evans, and a great cheer went up when the good doctor pronounced Jim alive and his injury but a slight concussion of the brain.

"But there will be no wedding to-night," added the doctor.

So it came about that a month later, on the fourteenth of March, when all the land was a-blow, there was a daffodil wedding after all, which Colonel Badham attended, clothed in his right mind and a wedding garment to greet the daffodil bride.

And Tom scooped the "Argus" and got five hundred dollars reward, for the morning after Jim's accident he found the anaconda under a heap of snow-covered jimson weed in a corner of the "Chronicle" yard, half frozen. Hindfoot paid promptly on delivery of

the snake at New Orleans, and for weeks afterward Tom had the pleasure of seeing the escape and recapture of Mary Ellen republished in all the exchanges.

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Children's ready made Serge Suits, Skirts and Jackets, braid trimmed, at \$3.95, \$4.95 and \$6.50.
Ladies' all silk Street Skirts, four yards wide, new shape, \$4.50 each.

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DRY GOODS & MILLINERY
Decatur, Ill.

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A Capital Story of Mining Life in the West,
THE SALTING OF THE TIO JUAN,
—BY—
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A great part of your duty to your teeth lies in having a regular examination made so that you may at all times be sure of their condition. By keeping such close watch you have this advantage—you can commence the battle for a tooth's life as soon as decay attacks it and before it gets a strong position.

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A ton of Atlantic water when evaporated yields 81 pounds of salt and a ton of Pacific water 79 pounds.

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.)



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Greatest Clothing Sale On Record...

\$25,000 Worth of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps to be Closed Out at Less than 50 Cents, on the Dollar.

DON'T MISS THIS GRAND OPPORTUNITY. Having purchased the entire stock of Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps of M. MORRIS & CO., LaCrosse, Wis., known as the largest and most popular clothing firm in Northwest Wisconsin, I will offer same to the people of Decatur and vicinity at unheard of low prices.

Entire Stock Must and Will be Sold.

MEN'S SUITS.

Men's Good Working Suits, well worth \$8.00	Sale price	\$2.98
Men's Cheviot Suits in Plaids and Stripes, well worth \$10.00	Sale price	4.48
Men's Cassimer Suits in all shades and styles, well worth \$12.00 and \$14.00	Sale price	5.98
Men's Imported Clays in Black and Colors, well worth \$15.00	Sale price	7.98
Men's Tailor Made Suits, equal to the best custom work, and well worth \$18.00 to \$20.00	Sale price	9.98

BOYS' SUITS.

Mother, we call your attention to this line of Boys' Suits, a good serviceable Boy's Suit well worth \$2.00 and \$2.50—going during this sale at	\$.75
Boys' Suits, all colors, in Cheviot and well worth \$3.00 and \$3.50—going during this sale at	1.98
Boys' Suits in best Clays and Cassimeres, this line especially desirable for confirmation suits and well worth \$5.00 and \$6.00—going during this sale at	2.98
One lot of Boys' Wash Suits, ages 4 to 10 years, worth 50c and 75c—going during this sale at	24c

MEN'S PANTS.

Men's Pants, good and serviceable working pants, well worth \$1.25 and \$1.50—going during this sale at	80c
Men's Pants that are actually worth \$2.00 to \$2.50—going during this sale at	1.24
Men's Pants, Cheviots and Cassimeres, actually worth \$3.00 and \$3.50—going during this sale at	1.98
Men's Pants, Tailor Made, nothing better, actually worth \$4.50 and \$5.00—going during this sale at	2.98
One Lot of Jeans Pants that are actually worth \$1.00 per pair, go during this sale at	50c

KNEE PANTS.

A first class Knee Pants, double seat and knee, worth 60c	sale price at	15c
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BOYS' SHIRT WAISTS.

100 doz. Boys' Shirt Waists, laundered and unlaundered, value 75c to 1.00	sale price only	10c
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OVERALLS.

Men's Overalls, with or without bibs, in good heavy blue denims, value 50c	sale price	25c
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FURNISHING GOODS.

In this line we give you tremendous bargains—Men's Balbriggan Summer Undershirts and Drawers, well worth 35c—going at	15c
Men's Gauze, open work, colors, Undershirts and Drawers, worth 50c—going at	24c
Men's French Balbriggan Undershirts and Drawers, worth 75c and \$1.00—going at	35c

COLLARS AND CUFFS.

Linon Collars in all styles and shapes, 15c and 20c kind	only 6c
Celluloid Collars in all styles	4c
Only Linon Cuffs, the 15c and 20c kind	8c
Only Linon Cuffs, the 25c and 35c kind	15c
Celluloid Cuffs, go during this sale at	9c

SOCKS.

About 200 doz. Cotton Socks, the kind that usually sell at 10c and 15c per pair	sale price	3c
About 200 doz. Cotton Socks, the 20c and 25c kind	sale price	8c
About 200 doz. Best Quality Seamless, the 35c and 50c quality	go at	15c

NECKWEAR.

300 doz. Tie in Stripes, Band, Bow and Tecks, well worth 35c and 50c, go during this sale at	15c
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HATS.

In this department a great variety at wonderful bargains. Hats in Derby, Fedora, all newest styles, well worth \$1.50 and \$2.00—go at	75c
Hats in Derby, Fedora, well worth \$2.50 and \$3.00—go at	\$1.48
Hats in Derby, Fedora, nothing better made, worth \$3.50 and \$4.00—go at	1.98
One Lot of odds and ends in Stiff Hats, go during this sale at	10c

CAPS.

250 doz. Men's and Boys' Golf, Yacht, Bicycle Caps, silk lined, worth 50c and 75c	sale price	24c
100 doz. Men's and Boys' Caps, Yacht and Golf, worth 25c and 35c	sale price only	5c

Great Reduction on all other lines.

Don't fail to attend this—the Greatest Sale Decatur has ever known.

All Goods Marked in Plain Selling Figures and Strictly One Price.

Sale Commences SATURDAY, April 9.

Doors Open at 9 O'Clock A. M.

Bring this Adv. With You and Call for Goods as Advertised

G. C. SUMMERFIELD, Propr.

147 East Main St., Ehrman's Old Stand.

OUR NEIGHBORS.

CASNER.

Miss Stella Flock of La Place visited the family of her Uncle, J. M. Tobill, over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Hoyt of La Place was here attending the festival Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Billard departed for their home in Warrensburg Friday after a three weeks' visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Duncan of Linton spent Sunday with the family of A. B. Chapman.

Miss Cynthia Taylor did shopping in Decatur Saturday.

On Sunday was held the annual election of officers for the Sunday school. W. W. Patterson was re-elected Superintendent and S. B. Todd, assistant.

The Ladies' Aid society held a fair and festival Saturday night at the home of Ms J. A. Wilson. A good sized crowd was in attendance. They netted about \$25 from supper and sales.

The election Tuesday resulted in almost a Democratic sweep. J. E. Rucker was elected supervisor, C. B. Floy clerk, W. J. Kelley assessor, W. B. Winings collector, William Scheele commissioner, William White poundmaster, W. J. Kelley was the only Republican elected.

MAROA.

The city election will be held next Tuesday. There are three aldermen to be elected. Following are the tickets: License ticket—First ward, Clinton Ray; Second ward, J. M. Waller; Third ward, James Williams. Anti-license—First ward, Dr. D. S. Anderson; Second ward, F. L. Bogie; Third ward, Lynden Bowden.

Born to Derry Braden and wife, March 31, a son.

Mrs. F. L. Hobbs gave a party Thursday evening for Miss William Chapman of Clinton. Refreshments were served among those present were Misses Kate Smart, Mollie Schultz, Sadie Davis, Daisy Pitter, Jean Smeltz, R. E. Perenger and Burge Newcomer.

Rev. J. Hanna and wife and Miss Drusilla Meyer attended the C. E. convention at Decatur on Friday.

Rev. J. H. Waterbury of Cerro Gordo held quarterly meeting at the Methodist church for the presiding elder Sunday. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered after the morning sermon. Rev. Waterbury preached to large audiences both morning and evening.

Mrs. Frank Stroud is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Adams at Moweaqua.

Charles Nagely of Chicago was the guest of C. W. Sigler and wife on Tuesday.

A surprise was given Mrs. David Gray at her home Monday evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George Graef, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bohrer, Misses Jessie Crocker, Lottie Smart, Myrtle Whitehead, Mrs. Rose Miller, Mrs. Jessie Kinnaman and Bert Couvart.

Mrs. E. J. Stenbraker of Eaton, Ohio, arrived Thursday and will make an extended visit with her son, W. H. Stonebraker.

Miss Nan Champney returned to Clinton Friday after a few days' visit with Miss Jean Smeltz.

Dr. Parks of Chicago returned home Saturday after a visit with Dr. Frank Cox.

Miss Louise Crocker of Circleville, Ohio, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. L. P. Crocker.

Miss Maggie Wade of Clinton was the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Gorman over Sunday.

Mrs. Guy Jenison of Decatur spent Sunday with the family of Will Hill.

Burglars were in Persinger's hardware store and Sigler & Miller's grocery store Tuesday night. Revolvers, razors, cutlery, etc., were taken. The loss is about \$25 at each place.

The ladies of the Methodist church served dinner in the vacant room in the Masonic block Tuesday. Proceeds were \$87.

BEARDSDALE.

Belling Springs Sunday school elected officers for the year last Sunday. The following were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. M. E. Braden; assistant superintendent, Mrs. S. E. Braden; organist, Miss Myrtle Bear; chorister, Clarence Ritchie; librarians, John Baehlan and Lew Bear.

J. P. Campbell, H. N. Lebow and Harry Bauman, with their wives, attended the Lebow-Melton wedding at Warrensburg Wednesday night.

While loading straw Saturday Jesse Weltmer had quite a gab out in his leg between the knee and ankle with the hay knife.

J. B. Good of Foreyth called on friends here Monday.

John Beland and family of Decatur spent Sunday with A. J. Conover and wife.

F. D. Clemens and wife and A. L. Frightful and wife, all of Decatur, called on friends here Sunday.

George Pfeiffer and Jacob Susink are delivering corn this week.

Members of Belling Springs and Fair View churches gave Rev. O. B. Hinton and wife a donation party Wednesday.

Shirley Bear celebrated his first vote yesterday with a cigar and sack of peanuts.

SANGAMON.

Mrs. W. R. Rucker is on the sick list. Mabel Wentz came home Saturday from Maroa, where she has been working for the past three months.

William Harroff and John Burley of Oakley sawed wood for J. W. Nelson, the first of the week, with their steam saw.

Eb. Fry is able to be out again. He has been laid up with a sore foot which he out while clopping wood.

The grade at Rea bridge and also at the Spangler bridge are in bad shape since the high water.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. Bowen, at Cerro Gordo last week.

Work has been recommenced on the Unionville branch at Sangamon. T. M. Kaller is doing the work.

Frank Wimmer and wife have moved into J. E. Lichtenberger's house. J. M. has moved into the house with J. M. Rucker.

John Huffman is the proud possessor of a new farm wagon.

There was a petition at Sangamon Monday for the return of Jack Faunce. There was about 80 names signed.

Some of our farmers are trying to sow their oats, but the weather is very discouraging.

OUTING.

Mr. and Mrs. Waters of Minneapolis visited their niece, Mrs. Farrell, last week. Harchel Wagoner has gone to Hammond to spend the summer.

Mrs. Frank Gregory was shopping in Decatur Tuesday.

George Hines and family have moved to Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Britton were Decatur visitors Saturday.

Miss Mary Sullivan of Mt. Zion visited her sister, Mrs. Hines, last week.

Cecil Gregory visited his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy, in Mt. Zion, Tuesday.

J. T. Patton went to Decatur Saturday.

DALTON CITY.

R. F. Duggan of Decatur visited home folks Monday.

James Mayer returned home from St. Louis, where he has been attending college.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Moody, a daughter, last week.

Mrs. Will Burkhead died at her home southwest of Dalton, April 4. The remains were taken to Kentucky for burial.

Patrick Burns died at his home, east of Dalton, Monday morning at 3 o'clock. The remains were taken to the Isidore Catholic cemetery for burial.

Shirley Thomason of Bethany was a business visitor here last week.

Ed Sheely of Decatur was on our streets last week.

Mike Hagan of Lake City transacted business here last week.

Mrs. Pat Hogan of Decatur visited her son, Will, last week.

Scott Rogers left on Monday on the 11 o'clock train for Sullivan, where he will clerk in a drug store.

C. A. Hight transacted business in Sullivan last week.

Miss Maggie and Agnes Mulvey returned to Decatur Monday.

Sam Yakis of Bloomington was on our streets Tuesday.

George Vansickle of Lake City transacted business here Monday.

Thomas Dickson and Dud Peck of Lake City were here last week.

Miss Maggie Nolan returned from Decatur last week.

J. V. Burns of Sullivan visited home folks over Sunday.

Mike Findlay of Sullivan was here Monday selling goods for J. G. Renter of Peoria.

J. R. Fitzgerald of Decatur visited friends here over Sunday.

Mike Duggan and Ed Hagerty of Decatur were here Tuesday.

John Hughes visited Decatur Tuesday.

Miss Katie Duggan commenced teaching her school, east of Sullivan, Monday.

Ed Mulvey hauled a load of goods to Decatur Tuesday.

C. W. Tidd of Blue Mound visited friends here over Sunday.

Bun Bresnan and wife of Finley visited friends here over Sunday.

Miss Molly Hines returned home to Mt. Zion last week.

Farmer Cole was on our streets Sunday.

Mike Sullivan of Findlay transacted business here Tuesday.

The farmers have commenced sowing oats.

B. B. Combest transacted business in Decatur Monday.

HARRISTOWN.

Miss Etta Cooper is slowly improving. Berry Hanner and wife of Decatur visited Mrs. J. H. Park Sunday.

Al Conper and family of Decatur visited relatives here Sunday.

A party was given at the home of E. L. Jacobs Saturday night. Among those present were the following: Misses Olla and Emma Musser, Floyd, Clint and Bertha Bear, Carrie, Ivy and Naomi Gouge, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hicks, Elmer Sherold, David Faucett, Harry and Arthur VanGuilder, Walter Gossert, Charley Linthicum, Charley Jacobs and family, Ernest Congel and family, Louis Radcliff, James Edwards, Howard Trounman.

Cyrus Gossert was in Decatur on Monday.

MT. ZION.

Mrs. Kice of Cico visited with Mrs. Bateman last week.

C. M. Fletcher returned home from Iowa, where he has been on a business trip.

Bert Scott and Eddy Banton and their best girls took in the show at the Grand last Friday night.

The village has got a ticket for this spring. It's a hummer.

Chant Turpin has moved from Decatur to his farm. Mr. Turpin will farm in the future.

Mr. Zion can boast of a meat market at the old stand.

George White and Charley Wonaocott went to Lovington Saturday on business.

Last Friday night Mrs. J. W. Pierce was surprised by her Sunday school class at her home. Those present were Misses Lottie Rinning, Desale Fletcher, Katie Martin, Gertrude Bilby, Mamie Fletcher, Grace Martin and Clato Travis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Black. The evening was spent in games and music. Everybody enjoyed themselves until a reasonable hour.

The Kid base ball nine of Decatur played the Kids here Saturday. The score resulted 19 to 16 in favor of Mt. Zion.

NANTIC.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pascal of Marham, Ill., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Claypool.

Mrs. Aaron of North Bend, Neb., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Seelig, since her husband's death, left Saturday for her home.

Mrs. A. Seelig desires to express her thanks to all who so kindly assisted her in her recent bereavement.

Dr. S. G. King of Illinois, had a narrow escape from drowning during the high water of last week. He was called to see a patient on the other side of the Sangamon and attempted to row over. The boat turned over and he was compelled to swim until almost exhausted. His case of instruments was lost.

Miss Edith Pearce has returned to Normal after a week's vacation.

Miss Pearl McElroy has returned to the Springfield high school.

Miss Mary Clark spent several days of vacation with the Misses Cunningham and other former schoolmates, returning to her home in Decatur Monday.

Mrs. Hill has a very sore finger caused from a cut. She was threatened with blood poisoning, but is better.

Rev. Mr. Marwood of Chicago has filled the last two appointments of Rev. Pierce at the M. E. church. A letter from Mr. Pierce says that he will be able to fill his next appointment, the third Sunday in April.

ELWIN.

Mrs. C. B. Shively arranged a pleasant surprise on her husband Friday evening, being his 94th birthday, which was a success in every way. Those present were George Shively, Theodore Ebert, Elmer Morris, F. M. Wood, George Nien, William Cunningham, N. E. Ebert, J. E. Ebert and wife, Mrs. Margaret Elder and son, Charles and Elmer, Willie Bridgman, Claude Wood, Ed Cornthwaite, Earl McDaniel, Arlie Logan, Willie Kite, Ernest Burr, Misses Cora, Maude and Mattie Ward and Nora Burr.

Mrs. Elder and sons, Charles and Elmer, will move to the Tom Brown farm Monday.

Mary and Helen Wells returned from college Friday.

Mrs. A. F. Hopkins of Decatur is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. L. Boshaugh.

OREANA.

Miss Martha Scott is visiting her sister in Decatur.

Miss Emma Malone is spending the week in Decatur.

Miss Ida Straps went to Decatur Tuesday where she expects to remain for some time.

The Oreana school opens Monday.

Misses Alice Strope and Alice Turpin spent Saturday in Decatur.

Jay Morrison spent Sunday with her parents here.

Call on J. Strope and see his new line of garden seeds.

Mrs. F. Strope visited in Decatur the first of the week.

Miss Dade Spears spent Wednesday in Decatur.

John Brown and wife of Argenta visited over Sunday with A. B. Kullms and wife. They are on their way to Georgia, their future home.

There was a party at F. Bullock's, west of town Wednesday evening.

Remember the election next Tuesday.

MOWEAQUA.

Miss Dora Kantz spent Wednesday in Decatur.

Miss Irene Snyder returned from Evanston last Wednesday, where she has been attending school the past winter.

J. N. Brown of Blue Mound spent Monday and Tuesday looking after his business.

At a meeting of the Moweaqua Coal company last Monday night V. Snyder was elected president.

Mr. and Mrs. Danby of Carlisle were called here the latter part of last week on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Danby's father, Hon. Joseph Adams.

Mrs. Lizzie Cash went to Macon Friday to attend the funeral of her uncle, William Bradley.

Mrs. Laura Baumgartner spent Sunday in Decatur.

Two Mormon preachers have arrived in town and want to hold services, but cannot get a room. Moweaqua citizens are very indignant at having them here in our little civilized town.

Mrs. F. M. Webb and daughter, Marie, of Decatur, spent a day this week with Mrs. Fraunce.

Mrs. Nellie Pool is quite seriously ill at her home in the south part of town.

Mrs. J. H. Kierker spent the latter part of last week in Decatur.

Mrs. Amy Adams spent last week at Pana with her mother.

Mrs. Rena Green of Assumption spent last week here with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Workman.

Mrs. Mercy Hudson has returned from Decatur, where she has been at the bedside of her sister.

Mrs. G. A. Kant and son, Paul, spent Saturday in Assumption.

J. C. Jacobs is visiting her son at Walker this week.

Henry Mott came down from Chicago Thursday to see his father, who is not quite so well.

MACON.

Bert Hanton of Foreyth was the guest of A. R. Harber and wife over Sunday.

Misses Maud Cook and Carrie Alexander spent Saturday and Sunday in Decatur.

Miss Stella McGee of Decatur spent a few days last week with M. D. Alexander and wife.

Roy McGee of Blue Mound was

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CHANCERY NOTICE.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN THE Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois.
Hennrichs, Robert, John L. Kueker, Emma E. Myers, James H. Myers, James A. Campbell, Herbert Campbell, Florence G. Baker, and Baker, Complainants, vs. Daniel Spangler, Conrad H. L. Stimpert, James F. Stimpert, Daniel Spangler, Thomas Runk, James L. Nesbit, or the unknown heirs of said James L. Nesbit, deceased, and Mary Nesbit, deceased, Defendants.
Affidavit of the nonresidence of the above named defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of said James L. Nesbit, deceased, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, notice is hereby given that the said defendants, Daniel Spangler and James L. Nesbit, or if he be deceased, the unknown heirs of said James L. Nesbit, deceased, shall appear before the said Circuit Court of Macon County, Illinois, on the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1898, at the court house in the city of Decatur, Illinois, to answer or demur to the said complaint and to the bill of complaint and to the matters and things therein charged and set forth the same shall be taken as confessed against you, and a decree entered against you in accordance with the prayer of said bill.
Dated this 2nd day of April, A. D. 1898.
Lorraine & Lee, Solicitors for Complainants.
Dr. T. S. Finkbeiner, Decatur, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Macon County, Illinois.
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ed to swim until almost exhausted. His case of instruments was lost.

Miss Luth. Peave has returned to Normal after a week's vacation.

Miss Pearl McElroy has returned to the Springfield High school.

Miss Mary Clark spent several days of vacation with the Misses Connaught and other friends, returning to her home in Decatur Monday.

Miss Hill has a very sore finger caused by a cut. She was threatened with blood poisoning, but is better.

Rev. Mr. Marwood of Chicago has filled two appointments of Rev. Peave at the M. E. church. A letter from Mr. Peave says that he will be able to fill his next appointment, the third, on May 1st.

ELWIN.

Mr. C. B. Elwin arranged a pleasant surprise on her husband Friday evening, and a 40th birthday, which was a very merry way. Those present were George Elwin, Theodore Elwin, Elmer Elwin, J. M. Wood, George Klen, William Cunningham, N. E. Streble, J. Bart and wife, Mrs. Margaret Elwin and sons, Charles and Elmer, Willie Bridgman, Claude Wood, Ed. Corns, Walter, Doan, McDaniel, Arlie Logan, Willie Klee, Ernest Bart, Mrs. Cora, Maude and Mattie Ward and Nora Butt.

Mrs. Elwin and sons, Charles and Elmer, will move to the Tom Brown farm in May.

Mary and Helen Wells returned from college Friday.

Mrs. A. T. Hopkins of Decatur is visiting her daughter, Mrs. B. L. Bosbraugh, OREANA.

Miss Martha Scott is visiting her sister in Decatur.

Miss Lillian Malone is spending the week in Decatur.

Miss Ida Strope went to Decatur Tuesday where she expects to remain for some time.

The Oreana school opens Monday.

Miss Alice Strope and Alice Turpin spent Saturday in Decatur.

Jay Morrison spent Sunday with her parents here.

Calvin J. Strope and see his new line of garden seeds.

Mr. F. Strope visited in Decatur the first of the week.

Miss Dade Strope spent Wednesday in Decatur.

John Brown and wife of Argonia visited over Sunday with A. B. Kules and wife. They are on their way to Georgia, their future home.

There was a party at F. Bullock's, west of town Wednesday evening.

Remember the election next Tuesday.

MOWEQUA.

Miss Dora Kantz spent Wednesday in Decatur.

Miss Irene Snyder returned from Evanston Wednesday, where she has been attending school the past winter.

J. S. Brown of Blue Mound spent Monday and Tuesday looking after his business.

At a meeting of the Mowequa Coal company last Monday night W. Snyder was elected president.

Mr. and Mrs. Danby of Carlinville were called here the latter part of last week on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Danby's father, Hon. Joseph Adams.

Mr. Lyle Cash went to Macon Friday to attend the funeral of her uncle, William Bradley.

Mr. Laura Baumann spent Sunday in Decatur.

Two Mormon preachers have arrived in town and want to hold services, but cannot get a room. Mowequa citizens are very indignant at having them here in their civilized town.

Mr. E. M. Webb and daughter, Marie, of Decatur, spent a day this week with Mrs. Francis.

Miss Nellie Paul is quite seriously ill at her home in the south part of town.

Mrs. J. H. Kicker spent the latter part of last week in Decatur.

Mr. Amy Adams spent last week at Pans with her mother.

Mr. Ben Green of Assumption spent last week here with his mother, Mrs. C. W. Workman.

Mrs. Mary Hudson has returned from Decatur where she has been at the bedside of her sister.

Mr. G. A. Kant and son, Paul, spent Sunday in Assumption.

Mr. J. C. Jones is visiting her son at Walker's week.

Emily Mull came down from Chicago Tuesday to see her father, who is not quite so well.

MACON.

Dr. Bent on of Forestry was the guest of A. R. Barber and wife over Sunday.

Messrs. Wood Cook and Carrie Alexander spent Saturday and Sunday in Decatur.

Miss Ella McGee of Decatur spent a few days last week with M. D. Alexander and wife.

Rep. Moffet of Blue Mound was the guest of friends in this city Sunday.

Miss Callie Nichols returned to school at Normal Monday after spending vacation with her parents.

Miss Oly Boggs returned to school at Normal Tuesday after spending the vacation with her parents.

Mr. G. Gray was the guest of friends in Pans Sunday.

Rome Little is visiting relatives and friends in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Frank Quinn is on the sick list.

Miss Leucena Gilmore of this city spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. H. Beckman near Bondy.

Frederick Wilson and H. Kalips went to Win-St. Tuesday.

J. Kays and M. C. Gilmore were in Bondy Sunday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church held their annual thank offering meeting Sunday evening.

The Lovers League held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Lawler Friday evening. A large number were present. The mandolin club furnished the music.

Miss Marie Webb of Decatur spent a few days last week with Cliss Webb and wife.

Ezema, scald head, hives, itchininess of the skin of any sort, instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

Get Ready for Easter.

Our Offerings of Spring styles Men's and Boys Suits. We show you thousands to select from, all brand new, this season's productions and up-to-date.

Men's Medium Priced Suits.

Choice of 500 Suits, new Plaids, Checks, Stripes, Plain Grey, Blue and Black. Coats made up with wide facing, all sewed with silk—strictly all wool. Have style to them—at \$5, \$6, \$7, \$7.50, \$8.50.



Men's Fine Tailor Made Suits.

This season's rich styles—far beyond anything of the kind ever shown in Decatur. Choice of 500 elegant new up-to-date Suits, in all the new shades.

At \$12, \$13.50 and \$15

Men's Top Coats

In the New Tan Covert Cloth—all wool.

At \$6.00

Fine ones, \$8.50, \$10, \$12, \$15.

Boys' Department.

If you want the Best Values; if you want the Newest Styles, and want to see the largest assortment you must see our Boys' Suits this season.



Boys' 3-Piece Suits, ages 3 to 7—Vestee style—from \$1.50 to \$6.50.

Boys' Suits, Double Breasted, ages 7 to 16. Hundreds to select from—from \$2.50 to \$8.00.

Cheap Suits at \$1.00, \$1.35 and \$1.90.

Boys Suits--

Ages 12 to 19—all the newest shades. This season you can find the proper styles, and you can depend that Ottenheimer's will show the right thing and the right prices.

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Decatur's Fine Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. CHENEY for the last 15 years, and have him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The finest asbestos is imported from Italy.

A lazy liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, never-failing remedy for a lazy liver. Sold by all druggists.

Zoologists say that all known species of wild animals are diminishing in size.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Osaka has been called the New York of Japan.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

When the sculptor makes a cast he fishes for fame.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Scorers and goalies are always running after people down.

A Life for 500.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Pious Russians do not eat pigeons because of the sanctity conferred on the dove in the scriptures.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Bitters cleanses the liver, cures constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell.

Boothunks are seldom seen on the streets of Berlin.

A Beacon of Hope.

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Executrix' Notice.

Estate of William Hovers, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed executrix of the estate of William Hovers, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 12th day of March, 1898. E. A. BOWERS, Executrix.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of John A. Dawson, assignee of the estate of Lewis H. Connor, against Clara E. Walker, now known as Clara E. Walker nee Eymann, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, at said state, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution. Dated this 12th day of March, 1898. J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff, Macon County, Illinois.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 20th day of January, 1898. CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, JR., Administrator.

There are 40 varieties of the tobacco plant.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Bitters," and gave him a bottle of these famous little pills for constipation, liver and stomach troubles. H. W. Bell.

A map of Jerusalem in mosaic, over 1500 years old, has been found in Palestine.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, croup, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. H. W. Bell.

Aluminum type for printing purposes is one of the latest novelties patented.

Thirty-five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. H. W. Bell.

Before long Florida will rival Cuba as a tobacco producer.

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 1898, next, at the Court House in Decatur, Illinois, the following Precinct Number One, in the First ward, at Number 42 E. North street, known as Street Car Barn.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the First ward, at Number 24 Wabash avenue, known as Albert's Feed Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Second ward, at Number 31 North Main street, known as Newell's Building.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Second ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Third ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Fourth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fourth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Fifth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Fifth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Sixth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Seventh ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number One, in the Eighth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number One, in the Fourteenth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number One, in the Twentieth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

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Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Twenty-first ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Twenty-first ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Twenty-second ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Twenty-second ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Three, in the Twenty-third ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number Two, in the Twenty-third ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

Voting Precinct Number One, in the Twenty-fourth ward, at Number 100 West Wood street, known as Jacobs' Store.

People's Column.

Advertisements of forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—500 horses to shoe at from 90c up to \$1.00 for a new shoe, at 124 W. Prairie avenue, Decatur, Ill. T. L. WEARLY, Prop. April 4-1898.

WANTED—You to give us your orders for carpets to clean and feathers to renovate. Work called for and delivered free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Place of business, 630 Wabash avenue, telephone 667. HAYES & ANTHONY, Oct 12-1897.

WANTED—Paper hanging, with 25 years' experience, an experienced glazier, painter, and decorator, at the rate of 25c per day. Address, 124 W. Prairie avenue, Decatur, Ill. D. M. SMITH, West end, Fifth street car line. Feb 18-1898.

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From 25c to \$3.50 a Set.

The Finest Line of Belts
We have ever had, not the cheap kind,
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THE price of an article possesses but
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**Rugby \$3.50 Line
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Smoke the Queen, manufactured by
Hedrick & Kneibler. —15-def
Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, made
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Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-def
Smoke the Little J, 5-cent cigar, guar-
anteed to contain no artificial flavor.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's, corner of
Wood and Main streets, for fine and medi-
um grade buggies, surreys, phaetons,
road wagons, roadsters, spring wagons,
farm wagons. —1-d&wtf

A full and complete line of Easter hats
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ter street.

Do you want plastering done. If so
telephone 528, new phone. Decatur Hard
Plaster Co. Perry & Oren. —5-def

The district convention of the Repub-
lican Sisters will be held in Decatur on
May 9.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood
pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps,
chain pumps and pump repairing. —Mar.
1-d&wtf.

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-def
The regular meeting of Cour de Leon
Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held
tonight. It is expected that there will be
work in the rank of page and esquire.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for garden
seeds. They are now in receipt of large
involes of fresh seeds from the most reli-
able houses in the country. —1-d&wtf

The Patriotic Order of Daughters of
America will give a graphophone enter-
tainment at the hall of the P. O. S. of A.
over Grant's hardware store on North
Main street Thursday night, April 7. —
4-6

Town Tickets at Mowcaus.

Mowcaus Call-Mail: At the citizens
caucus held Saturday evening in Kaiser's
hall, the following ticket was nominated:
For president, E. Prescott; for trustees,
A. Gilliland, John Cairns and J. W.
Jones; for village clerk, David Baggett.

The anti-licensing convention was held
Monday evening in the Christian taber-
nacle, and the following ticket placed in
nomination: For president, J. W. God-
frey; for trustees, N. Francis, W. Cor-
rington and J. W. Gregory; for village
clerk, Bryce P. Smith.

Prominent temperance speakers have
been engaged for every evening during
the last week of the campaign.

Services Discontinued.

A meeting was held at the Cumberland
Presbyterian church last evening but
Rev. Hawkins is not sufficiently improved
to continue the meeting during the re-
minder of the week and no services will
be held until Sunday.

Will Be Taken to Fairfield.

The body of Scott McGlasson, the son
of R. O. McGlasson, who was killed when
the building on Front street fell several
years ago, will in a few days be exhumed
and taken to Fairfield, Ill., for burial.

Bitten by a Dog.

The small son of Officer Ed Kosinski
has his upper lip badly lacerated by being
bitten by a neighbor's dog this morning.
Dr. H. C. Jones cauterized the wound,
which is not necessarily serious.

Dinner Party.

Mrs. G. D. Thomas of West Main street
gave a dinner to a small party of friends
at 7 o'clock last evening.

DO NOT AGREE.

Thoughtful Women Dis-
cuss Equal Suffrage.

ANSWER BY MRS. WOOLLEY

In Reply to Address of Mrs. C. F.
Corbin Given in Decatur Re-
cently—Club News in
General.

In direct opposition to the arguments
presented by Mrs. C. F. Corbin, who lec-
tured in Decatur on the anti-suffragist
movement at the home of Mrs. J. E. Ber-
ling last week, comes an open letter from
Celia Parker Woolley of Chicago, which
takes up the questions presented by Mrs.
Corbin in her campaign throughout the
state and handles in a firm, thoughtful
and convincing manner the opposite side
of the argument. This letter of Mrs.
Woolley's has been sent to members of the
Woman's club in Decatur and in frankly
speaking from her point of view she says:

"The reason given by yourself and others
for your opposition to woman suffrage
is the loss and injury which the home
will suffer when the attention of women
is by this means directed to public affairs.
The enforced absence from the family
hearthstone and the consequent neglect of
its duties which the occasional attendance
upon a political meeting or the act of vot-
ing once or twice a year would neces-
sitate, form the basis of your protest.
Without entering into the question of the
logical merits of such reasoning, I desire
only to ask in what way the anti-suff-
ragists in their present labors and meth-
ods expect to avoid these same evils. Are
you not too leaving your home when you
seek to utilize the agencies of the press
and platform for the propagation of your
views? In brief, in all our work for
political enfranchisement what risks to
home and womanhood must we run,
what danger and temptations must we
encounter, that you in your work and
the methods you employ to carry on that
work must not run and encounter?"

Many inquiries have been made of the
members of the Woman's Republican club
concerning the lecture given here by Mrs.
Corbin and many have confounded the
movement with the work of the Woman's
Republican club of which Mrs. K. H. Har-
wood is district chairman. They are, of
course, two separate societies with noth-
ing in common except as relates to the
advancement of women along political
lines. The Woman's Republican league
is working for and desire only to use their
influence in assisting the Republican party
in their work and to be represented
only along educational lines. This they
have secured.

The next state convention of this
league will be held in Springfield on
June 7. This will be preceded by a county
convention, the date of which is not
yet decided upon.

The Woman's club of Monticello will
take charge of the Monticello Weekly Re-
publican for one issue and on Thursday
of next week will issue an Easter number.
The Woman's clubs of Macon, Platt and
Champaign and all organizations of
Champaign, Macon and Platt counties
will be represented.

HAPPY WEDDINGS.

Dr. Melton and Miss Lehev Married
—Event at Mt. Zion.

The Methodist church at Warrensburg
was well filled last evening, on the occa-
sion of the marriage of Dr. William A.
Melton, Jr., and Miss Olive B. Lehev,
daughter of Mrs. Flora Lehev. The at-
tendants were Miss Grace Cochran, daugh-
ter of Judge Cochran of Sullivan, and
Charles Desbach, and Miss Lela M. Keefe
played the wedding march. Rev. Mr.
Dawson spoke the impressive marriage
ceremony. The church decorations were
most beautiful, being arranged in excel-
lent taste by the many friends of the
bride. The bride was attired in a beau-
tiful dress of white Paris moulin, trimmed
in applique lace and satin ribbon. She
carried in her hand a bouquet of bride's
roses. Miss Cochran wore a dress of white
organdie over blue silk, and carried pink
roses.

A charming reception was held at the
Lehev home where a fine wedding repast
was served.

Dr. Melton and bride left last night on
a wedding tour through Indiana. They
will reside at Warrensburg, where the
groom has a fine practice, secured during
his residence of three years at the town.

MCCAIN-MYERS.

Married—On April 6, at the home of
J. O. Myers at Mt. Zion J. B. McCain of
Decatur and Miss Sadie L. Myers. The
marriage ceremony was performed at high
noon by Rev. Bankson of Blue Mound.
There were no attendants. The wedding

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was a home affair and only the relatives
and near friends were present. After the
ceremony had been performed a delicious
wedding dinner was served. The young
couple will visit a few days at Mt. Zion
before coming to this city, where they
will make their home in the future. Miss
Myers is the daughter of J. O. Myers of
Mt. Zion and has a large circle of friends
at that place. Mr. McCain is a well
known young business man in this city,
having conducted a grocery here for some
time.

AT THE GRAND.

Big Athletic Carnival on Friday
Night—An Attractive Bill.

The big athletic carnival for the benefit
of the High school association, under the
direction of Prof. P. J. Pittain of St.
Louis, will occur tomorrow night at the
Grand. Attorney J. M. Chokey will be
the master of ceremonies. There will be
many interesting contests. This is the bill:

Boxing contests between Steve O'Con-
nell of the Wabash and P. J. Pittain,
which will be a leading feature; also
Mike Cutler against J. McAllister, H.
German against G. T. Conklin, C. M.
Hastings against P. J. Pittain, Will
Lindsay against Scott Alexander, Earl
Grubel against Logan Metz.

John McAllister in fancy dancing; mu-
sical numbers by Misses Blanche Alexan-
der and Agnes Perl, wrestling match,
George Ennis and Prof. Pittain; high
jumping, Ed Jeffers, Cass Jacobs, Ed
Summell, Wilbur Sterling and Ed Ver-
million, fancy club and lantern swing-
ing, Mrs. Pittain; bag punching, Prof.
Pittain; tug of war, High school, Messers
Watson, Maurice Williams, Ed Jeffers,
Ralph Mills, Leslie Dillehuus and Frank
Lindsay, against Y. M. C. A., Charles
Pennington, Guy Williams, Amzi Barr,
George Ennis, Frank Spies and J. Mc-
Allister; music by high school quartet,
fencing contest, Will Lindsay and P. J.
Pittain; closing with battle royal for the
championship, three on a side.

A large number of tickets have been
sold in advance for the benefit entertain-
ment. It will be a big success.

THE WATER IS GOOD.

Miss Laura Allen Says That the
Springs on Her Place Furnish an
Excellent Supply.

There was some talk recently of a plan
to utilize for the city the spring water on
the Allen farm, south of the city across
the river. The owner of the place, Miss
Laura Allen of Chicago, who is in the
city on business, in speaking of the plan,
states that the springs furnish an excel-
lent water supply. In past years when
all other water supplies failed the springs
gave forth plenty of water. Whether or
not they would stand a heavy drain
would, of course, have to be ascertained.
Miss Allen says that the water was al-
ways pure and clear and that it contained
medicinal properties. The occupants of
the place who used the water and the ani-
mals drinking it were never sick. No
plans have been made for carrying out
the scheme.

D. of A. R. Meet With Mrs. Maris.

The regular meeting of the Daughters
of the American Revolution was held at
the residence of Mrs. J. M. Maris of West
North street, Wednesday. At this meet-
ing the condition of our forefathers prior
to the revolution was found an interesting
subject for discussion. Papers were read
by Mrs. George Haworth on "The Stamp
Act," by Mrs. Maris on "The Policy and
Forces of the British" and by Miss Jer-
mie Hanford on "Benjamin Franklin." A
call has been issued for a meeting of
the representatives of all the societies in
the state at the meeting to be held at
Bloomington on May 3. Mrs. W. T. Wells
will represent the Decatur chapter at this
meeting.

The Princes Had a Time.

Last night the April roundup of the
members of Lucretia Council, No. 1,
illustrious Princes of the Orient, was held
at the temple in the Powers building,
when there was a typical killing. One
pilgrim said it was the best thing he had
ever gone up against and that he wouldn't
have missed it for a whole lot of coin.
The officers were installed and then came
games at whist and hearts. The next
meeting will be the first Wednesday night
in May.

German Aid Officers.

The following are the officers elected by
the German Aid Society at a meeting held
last Monday evening:

President—Carl Pfister.
Vice President—George Woessner.
Recording Secretary—Adolphus Beer.
Financial Secretary—N. Armbruster.
Treasurer—Fred W. Kipp.
Marshal—Charles Schuchab.
Trustees—Anton Spaeth, Carl Young,
A. Scholz, John Weigand and Alois Young.

A "Holmes Evening."

The meeting of the Epworth League of
Wesley church will be in charge of the li-
terary committee of the league tomorrow
evening. A "Holmes Evening" has been
arranged and the program will consist of
selections from this author. The Wel-
ley budget will be given and the remainder
of the program will consist of the follow-
ing selections from the works of Holmes:
"Latter Day Warrings," "One Hot
Shay," "Aunt Tabitha," "The Boys."

CIRCUIT COURT

Case of Garver vs. Crea on
Trial To-Day.

GARVER SUES FOR \$1000

Claimed to be Due Him—Case of C. G.
Caldwell vs. Dr. Reid Will be
Taken Up Next—Other
Court Matters.

The case of David Garver vs. H. C. Crea
was on trial today in the circuit court.
The case is one wherein Mr. Garver
has sued Mr. Crea for \$1000, claiming
to be due him from Mr. Crea as money paid
him for Mr. Garver in the partition case
of the David Garver estate. Mr. Crea has
claimed a set off of \$1700 in a claim
made by Mr. Garver. The first hearing
of the case is composed of the testimony
of Henry Kater, E. E. Sturges, Andrew Bar-
nett, R. H. Johnson, J. B. Calverton,
N. M. Madix, Charles Kramer, Frank
Williams, Adam Musser, G. L. Martin,
George Smith and Daniel Rostick.

The next case to be taken up will be
that of G. M. Caldwell against Dr. J. F.
Reid. Mr. Caldwell sues for \$1000, al-
leged to be due him for a horse, which he
claims the horse, Forrest Herr, which he
claims the two men owned together and
which Dr. Reid sold. The case promises
to bring out a hard legal fight. Mr.
Reid represents Mr. Caldwell and John
and Houston will appear for the defense
ant.

The entries on the court docket today
were as follows:

COMMON LAW.

David M. Garver vs. Hugh Crea as
defendant. Leave to defendant to file
draw plea of general issue.

CHANCERY.

Lonise Davis et al vs. Louise P. Smith
et al; chancery. Leave to amend bill.
H. Mueller et al vs. Alma M. Kinney
et al; bill to quiet title. Decree pro-
tesso; cause and decree as prayed of R.
Mueller.

FIRE AT MT. ZION.

Hotel Building Was in Danger of Be-
ing Destroyed—Loss About \$2000.

A disastrous fire was narrowly averted
last night between 11 and 12 o'clock at
Mt. Zion.

The big old hotel building which is the
property of Patrick Sullivan was dis-
covered to be on fire in the rear and was
saved by very prompt and energetic
efforts. The building is the center of
the business part of town and is located
between other buildings. The fire originated
from some unknown cause in an en-
trance close to the rear of the main
building. The main building was on fire
but it was extinguished before any great
damage was done. The outbuilding was
completely destroyed. Loss about \$2000,
no insurance. The hotel is now used as a
dwelling and A. Pierce also has a store
in it.

South Before the War.

At the Powers Grand on Tuesday April
12, will appear Wharton and Merrill's
successful production, "South Before the
War," a novelty and one that has won
fame and many dollars for its right-
ful owners. It is so different from anything
the kind ever attempted that its success is
not to be wondered at after it has been
seen. It is composed of some 50 parts,
including a jockeying band of 17 lads,
boys, four quartets, a score of link and
wing dancers, a chorus of cake walkers,
a grand chorus of 50 voices, and a rick-
shaws band who appear in the play and
lead the parade of the company.

At the Hall Home.

Mrs. Rev. Geo. F. Hall is entertaining
her friends and co-workers of the evening
ward this afternoon at the residence, 21
West Eldorado, it being the expiration of
her year as president of the cheerful
Workers in that part of the city. A
tempting luncheon is being served and
the occasion will long be remembered as
a happy one.

Will Dance.

The Sons of Veterans will give a dance
in the G. A. R. hall on the evening of
April 13.

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Held a Meeting To-Day
nation Shown In
War is Close

CONFERENCES ARE

Safety of Americans on Cuba
Points--The Only Cause
lay--The War Message
Monday With

Washington, April 8.—The cabinet
meeting occupied an hour and a half.
President McKinley's demeanor was
grave throughout, indicating no expecta-
tion on the part of the administration
that war can be averted. There was no
fresh developments in the situation
brought up, nor any dispatches or com-
munications of any kind laid before the
cabinet. The joint note of the powers
was considered, but that will have prac-
tically no effect on the situation.

SITUATION IS GRAVE

The situation today is regarded as even
more grave than any time heretofore.
Preparations for all eventualities are pro-
ceeding steadily. A significant feature
in this direction is the fact that the United
States consul at Porto Rico is about to
leave his post, indicating that hostilities,
when they break out, will be directed not
only at Cuba, but at other Spanish pos-
sessions in the West Indian section, and
directing attention to the question whether
the future of Porto Rico, to a large ex-
tent, at least, will follow that of Cuba.
The probable rendezvous of the Spanish
squadron at Porto Rico may have had
something to do with the recall of the
consul there. Whether when General
Lee leaves Havana he will leave the vice
consul or some other subordinate in
charge is unknown. His retirement with
all of the official staff would mean the
severance of all official communication
between the United States and the island.
Inquiry at the foreign embassies today
made the fact plain that the powers of
Europe will not follow up the presenta-
tion of the plea for peace presented yester-
day, by making any further representa-
tions and that Spain will be left to fight
it out alone.

Lee and Woodford.

It is plainly evident that Consul Gen-
eral Lee, it was reiterated, would surely
leave Havana on Saturday, as instructed.
Just when Minister Woodford is expected
to vacate his position is not ascertain-
able, if, indeed, it has been decided. An
Austrian Secretary Day announced this af-
ternoon that all Americans in Cuba who
desire to leave will positively be out of the
island by tomorrow. It is expected that
Clara Barton and her assistants of the
Red Cross society will leave at the same
time as General Lee.

No Confirmation.

Neither the Spanish legation nor the
navy department have received any ad-
vices as to the sailing of the Spanish fleet
from Cadiz.

LORIMER IN THE LEAD

Republicans of the House Ready for
Independence and Intervention.

Washington, April 8.—The steering
committee of the Republican house con-
ference appointed Wednesday to canvass
the situation and ascertain how many Re-
publicans will, if the president's message
does not go to congress Monday, join
with the Democrats to secure action upon
the resolution declaring for Cuban inde-